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TODAY

Calendar

Make UT Sweatshop-free

Join OxFam at Gregory Plaza from 11 - 1 p.m. for an event of fun, music, and information about workers' rights. Following this event there will be a march to the Tower where students are encouraged to drop letters to the UT administration about the cause.

Wilco Show

Hear a mix of old Wilco favorites and new songs when they perform their first of two sold out Austin shows tonight at The Moody Theatre: Austin City Limits Live at 7:00 p.m.

Disco Karaoke on Ice

Tonight the ice rink is even more fun than usual, and everyone who attends gets a chance to win a \$250 gift card. This event will take place at the Lamar location of Whole Foods from 7 - 9 p.m.

Poetry on the Plaza

As the fall semester winds down, feel the chill in the air as readers share poems themed around the shortest season in Austin. The poetry readings will take place at the Harry Ransom Center from 12-1 p.m.

Come Meet Facebook

Communication Council will be hosting a free lecture series, featuring some of the geniuses behind Facebook. They will talk about advertising and social media in a global environment. UTC 4.122 at 7 p.m.

Today in history

In 1982

Pop legend Michael Jackson released his sixth album, *Thriller*, which would go on to become the best-selling record of all time, having sold circa 110 million copies to date.



Quote to note

[Fashion blogger Natalie Garza] can make elastic waist bands look hot, and lord knows that's hard to do.

— Tolly Moseley Blogger

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Students speak out about tuition

By Allie Kolechta
Daily Texan Staff

Liberal arts students met for the last time this semester before voicing their opinions on tuition policy in front of peers, faculty and administration today.

The College of Liberal Arts College Tuition and Budget Ad-

visory Committee held an open forum last night to discuss their upcoming proposals and what to do at today's Tuition Policy Advisory Committee. TPAC has agreed to a 2.6 percent tuition increase for the next two years, said vice-chair Andrew Clark.

Clark said although the surveys done by the CTBAC showed that the majority of the college's

student population opposed a tuition increase, the committee cannot combat the tuition rise by suggesting cutting services as an alternative.

"I don't think as a committee we would be able to go out and say these are the services we will cut," he said. "We didn't approach things as 'this is what we should do instead' we said, 'stu-

dents are opposed to it, this is why students are opposed to it, but if you have to do it, this is what we want to see."

The committee will propose uses for the money gained in the tuition increase in their next recommendation, Clark said. These will include the creation

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Austinites rally for Egyptians, Syrians

By Megan Strickland
Daily Texan Staff

Cries of "Down, down Assad! Free, free Syria!" reverberated through the crowd as members of the Syrian and Egyptian communities in Austin led approximately 60 people in a rally at the Texas Capitol to raise awareness and show support for protesters in the two nations Tuesday night.

The rally was held in response to a crackdown on demonstrators in Tahrir Square in Egypt and ongoing abuses by the Bashar al-Assad regime in Syria, public affairs graduate student Nahed Abdelrah said.

"During the last week, about 25 people in Egypt were killed and 2,500 were injured," Abdelrah said. "Many of them lost eyes because the police used guns and intentionally directed it at their faces. To ruin the life of an activist for speaking their opinion is horrific."

Abdelrah said she hoped the rally would send a message that oppression is not acceptable.

"The message we want to convey is that everyone has the right to live in a free country where you don't live in fear of persecution because you speak out or offer a different point of view," Abdelrah said.

Abdelrah befriended Mouna Hashem Akil, a member of the small Austin Syrian community earlier this year at a rally to support movement toward democracy in the Middle East during the Arab Spring, Akil said. Akil said in 41 years of the Assad family's regime, the dictatorship has prevented adequate coverage of brutality to reach foreign shores.

"Every once in a while we get



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Nermeen Mounier and her daughter Malak Tousson display the Egyptian flag at a solidarity rally supporting the demonstrations in Egypt, Syria and the Middle East. Members of Austin's Middle Eastern communities and demonstrators for Occupy Austin lined 11th St. South of the Capitol gates to protest the recent wave of violence in Egypt and Syria and show support for reform in the region.

five minutes on the news, but a lot of people simply don't know how horrific and how brutal Assad is," Akil said. "We have one of the most oppressive governments on the planet."

Akil said she hopes people will contact their congressional representatives, ambassadors and other leaders to let it be known that the Assad regime must go.

Egyptian native Dina Guirguis, 30, was at the rally and told the story of a young protester in Tahrir Square who had written down his telephone number on his hand during the protest, so his mother could identify his body in case he

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Demonstrators, many of whom belong to the Occupy Austin movement, prepare signs prior to the start of the rally on 11th St.

Bloggers, supporters supply Occupy Austin with winter equipment

By Nick Hadjigeorge
Daily Texan Staff

Blankets, jackets, socks and other materials have been donated to the Occupy Austin protesters to help them combat the temperature drop.

Occupy Supply, a national program organized by the blog Fire-doglake, raised more than \$100,000 to bring supplies to Occupy protests around the country and has given more than 100 items to Occupy Austin, including hats, socks, jackets and blankets.

Occupy Austin protester Brian Overman said the demonstrators are anticipating much colder days ahead, and they are continuing to look for ways to stay warm.

"We are just beginning to experience the cold weather," Overman said. "We are just starting to look at how we can brave the elements."

Overman said the Occupy Supply clothing items feature the program's logo and are produced in the United States by unionized workers.

Occupy Austin protester Donato John Patterson said cold weather



Caitlyn Pearson cuddles with her friend for warmth in front of Austin City Hall Tuesday night as part of Occupy Austin. Occupy Supply, a national program, has raised money to bring items to Occupy Austin such as jackets and blankets to help them maintain their protests during the winter.

Mary Kang
Daily Texan Staff

supplies have been donated to the demonstrators in addition to the Occupy Supply materials.

"Random people stop by and give us blankets and other items," Patterson said. "We've had about 150

blankets donated so far."

Patterson said the demonstrators will need less blankets if they have sleeping bags designed to withstand colder temperatures.

"The people here have poorly in-

sulated materials," Patterson said. "It will be consistently cold in January, and they won't be able to withstand freezing temperatures with what

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died while protesting.

“That’s the spirit of the Egyptian people,” Guirguis said. “They know they are going to die, and they still are willing to go anyway.”

As protesters chanted “from Austin to Cairo, oppressive regimes have got to go,” Guirguis said the voices gathered in Texas had already reverberated around the globe.

“I started tweeting your chants and they started to retweet in Egypt already,” Guirguis said.

Some protesters who have participated in Occupy Austin attended the event, assistant English professor Snehal Shingavi among them. Shingavi said it is important to see the link between the Occupy movements and the Arab spring.

“We should be very savvy about this one percent that has told us that they do what’s in the best interest of our economic benefit,” Shingavi said. “It’s the same one percent that tells Afghanis, and Iraqis, and Libiyans, and Syrians and Egyptians that the United States is working in their best interests.”

Shingavi said bringing democracy to Middle Eastern countries currently under oppressive regimes would be a dynamic issue, but that the U.S. should not intervene.

“If there’s one thing that we’ve learned from 10 years of U.S. military involvement in the Middle East, it’s that where U.S. troops go, democracy does not follow,” he said.

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they have now.”

Patterson said other factors highlight the need for better supplies at Occupy Austin, such as the wind chill factor and the regular plaza pressure-washings.

“Lady Bird Lake is so close to City Hall, and the water can increase the wind chill factor significantly,” Patterson said. “When the city pressure-washes the steps, it takes longer for the ground to heat up, which makes sleeping more difficult.”

Patterson said cold weather supplies are not the only materials in short supply, but also food and water.

“As the temperature drops, people will need more energy and protein to handle the cold weather,” Patterson said.

ON THE WEB:
Occupy Austin protesters prepare for Winter
[bit.ly/dt_video](#)

Students take rigorous study break

By Megan Strickland
Daily Texan Staff

With finals far from her thoughts, Charity Chukwu dodged a joust from Amber Olivas and rushed forward to knock her opponent from her pedestal. She paused, caught her breath and stood in victory as her opponent lay in defeat.

Journalism sophomore Chukwu and audiology senior Olivas were two of several students who sparred with inflatable double-ended bludgeons in a portable ring at SEC Showdown, an event hosted by the Texas Sports Committee at Gregory Gym plaza Tuesday.

Omar Fuentes, committee chairman and management and information systems junior, said the organization wanted to offer students a chance to relieve the stress that arrives along with finals.

“We were looking for something that would appeal to students during this stressful week,” Fuentes said.

There were no rules of battle as students entered the ring, Fuentes said. Some left the bludgeons alone and spent a few minutes bouncing in the ring, while others took full advantage of the opportunity to take out their frustrations with finals on their opponent.

“It was fun,” Olivas said after her match with Chukwu. “I got to not think about my tests as I as tried to take down the other person.”

Chukwu said the showdown was a relief from working on final assignments in classes.

“It was definitely a nice break from writing papers,” Chukwu said.

John Bartholomew, professor of kinesiology and health education, said the session could be a beneficial form of stress relief.

“There is always a risk that these types of battles can become too competitive and increase anger or frustration, but barring that I would expect this to be a fun way to increase activity and reduce stress,” Bartholomew said.

He said many factors contributed to increased stress in students during finals week.

“The stress of finals week is often compounded by changes in routine as students try to meet the demands of multiple classes,” Bartholomew said. “Many students stop exercising or sleep less to find additional time. They often eat more junk food or ingest lots of caffeine. In fact, many do



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Charity Chukwu and Amber Olivas spar in an inflatable ring on Gregory Gym Plaza at an event hosted by the Texas Sports Committee to help students reduce stress during the final week of classes.

all four. Each of these behaviors can serve to increase the stress of the moment and, in turn, undermine their performance on exams. A good stress-management strategy can do much to make finals week more manageable.”

Students can benefit from exercise sessions, Bartholomew said.

“Even a short, five minute walk has been shown to reduce anxiety and stress,” he said.

Jane Bost, associate director of UT Counseling and Mental Health Center, said the center sees many students who are stressed during finals and recommended students take advantage of the Stress Recess web-

page on the center’s website for suggestions to relax. Students can also visit the CMHC center to visit the MindBody Lab, a lab equipped with interactive tools to reduce stress, Bost said.

In addition, Bost said the center offers a 24-hour counseling line and recommends students visit Sanger Learning Center to strategize solutions for coping with academic pressure.

Most importantly, students should remember to take care of basic health needs, Bost said.

“It goes back to self-care,” she said. “Sleep is extremely important. Exercise is important. Good nutrition is vital, and social support is necessary.”

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of a “degree in three” program similar to the one in the College of Natural Sciences, a more flexible four year degree program with stronger incentives to graduate on time, a stronger role for the Dean’s Office in summer course selection and a reevaluation of merit pay increases, he said.

Once each college’s committee has established itself, they will be able to band together and make more forceful suggestions to TPAC, said committee chair Hank Dugie.

“We need to work university-wide when we make opinions and suggestions so they can be unified college to college,” he said. “That’s something that could happen in the future. It’s just a very bureaucratic process.”

While the Liberal Arts CTBAC has been around for a little over a year, most CTBACs have been around less than a year,



The College of Liberty Arts College Tuition and Budget Advisory Committee chair Hank Dugie speaks about their proposals and student opinion on tuition increase during Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday evening.

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and some are not yet established on their own, Dugie said.

TPAC did not survey students or do research on student opinion like the CTBACs did before making their decision on tuition increase, said John Lawler, a Student Government liberal arts representative. He said that at the TPAC forum tomorrow, mem-

bers of the CTBAC and other liberal arts students should ask TPAC members why that is.

“TPAC didn’t do nearly as much work in getting the student opinion,” he said. “We really have a chance to let students know that it doesn’t have to be that predetermined tuition increase.”

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the opposite of extending their time at UT and have tried to graduate in less than the recommended four years in order to avoid massive debt after graduation, said supply chain management junior Omar Ghani.

“I’m not going to take \$6-7000 in debt to stay here another semester,” Ghani said. “If people take on more debt to graduate and not think about the long-term effects, it’s going to bite them later.”

Some students have decided to delay attending UT due to the rising cost of tuition. International anthropology senior Daniel Machado attended Austin Community College for his first two years of college and only recently transferred since

ACC’s tuition was lower.

“The tuition increase is going to impact who comes here,” Machado said. “It’s going to give UT a new face. Number one, you’ll probably see a lot less freshman. Why pay when you can just transfer in?”

Graduate students have been affected in other ways due to the loss of funding from the state, said American studies graduate student Emily Roehl.

“It’s fairly common to see people take on complementary or seasonal jobs, I was working four last summer,” Roehl said. “There’s only a few grants, and people just end up taking on more loans, and because money is so tight right now in the humanities I think that’s made the

field really competitive.”

Ultimately, there are other ways to improve education at UT and hiking tuition is not the best option, said American studies senior Nick De La Cruz.

“Texas has problems creating an educated workforce,” De La Cruz said. “It’s not going to be a winning strategy to increase tuition while cutting funding for students.”

WHAT: TPAC forum
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		Liberal Arts	\$4,673	Liberal Arts \$4,794
		Natural Sciences	\$4,848	Natural Sciences \$4,974
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		Liberal Arts	\$15,551	Liberal Arts \$16,111
		Natural Sciences	\$16,048	Natural Sciences \$16,626
	In State	Business	\$4,542	Business \$4,706
		Liberal Arts	\$4,670	Liberal Arts \$4,838
		Natural Sciences	\$4,822	Natural Sciences \$4,996
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		Liberal Arts	\$9,347	Liberal Arts \$9,683
		Natural Sciences	\$9,594	Natural Sciences \$9,939

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RECYCLE

Iranian students sack British embassy

By Brian Murphy
& Nasser Karimi
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Hard-line Iranian protesters stormed British diplomatic compounds Tuesday, hauling down the Union Jack, torching an embassy vehicle and pelting buildings with petrol bombs in what began as an apparent state-approved show of anger over the latest Western sanctions to punish Tehran for defiance over its nuclear program.

The hours-long assault on the British Embassy and a residential complex for staff — in chaotic scenes reminiscent of the seizing of the U.S. Embassy in 1979 — could push already frayed diplomatic ties toward the breaking point.

Iran's parliament approved a bill Sunday to downgrade relations with Britain, one of America's closest allies with diplomatic envoys in the Islamic Republic.

Calling Tuesday's attack "outrageous and indefensible," British Prime Minister David Cameron said that Iran's failure to defend the embassy and its staff was a disgrace and would have "serious consequences."

The late-afternoon demonstration outside the British Embassy was organized by pro-government groups at universities and Islamic seminaries, and could not have taken place without official sanction. However, such anti-Western rallies often draw ultraconservative factions such as the basiji, a paramilitary group run by the powerful Revolutionary Guard that is directly controlled by Iran's ruling theocracy.

"Death to England!" some cried outside the compound in the first significant assault of a foreign diplomatic area in Iran in years.

Chants called for the closure of the embassy and called it a "spy den"



Vahid Salemi | The Associated Press

Dozens of hard-line Iranian students stormed the British embassy in Tehran bringing down the Union Jack flag and throwing documents from windows on Tuesday in scenes reminiscent of the anger against Western powers after the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

— the same phrase used after militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran after the 1979 Islamic Revolution and held 52 hostages for 444 days. In the early moments of that siege, protesters tossed out papers from the compound and pulled down the U.S. flag. Washington and Tehran have had no diplomatic relations since then.

Britain's Foreign Secretary William Hague downplayed suggestions of a hostage situation, saying there had been "confusing" reports coming out of Iran.

By nightfall — more than three hours after the assaults began — Iranian authorities appeared to have regained control of both British compounds. Riot police surrounded the embassy compound and officials said all protesters were driven out.

But sporadic clashes persisted, including some where police fired tear gas to disperse crowds, according to Fars, a semi-official Iranian news agency. Some protesters were arrested, it said.

The rally outside the British Embassy — on a main street in downtown Tehran about a mile from the former U.S. Embassy — included protesters carrying photographs of nuclear scientist Majid Shahriari, who was killed last year in an attack that Iran blamed on Israeli and British spy services.

The U.S. and many allies fear that Iran's nuclear program could eventually lead to nuclear weapons. Tehran says it only seeks reactors for energy and research, but will not give up the technology to make its own nuclear fuel.

Meanwhile on Monday, the U.S., Britain and Canada announced more sanctions intended to further isolate Iran's economy.

A senior U.S. official has dismissed Iran's threats against NATO missile defense installations in Turkey ahead of a visit by U.S. Vice President Joe Biden to the key U.S. ally and linchpin of NATO's southern flank.

Under the NATO plans, a limited system of U.S. anti-missile interceptors and radars already planned for Europe — to include interceptors in Romania and Poland as well as the radar in Turkey — would be linked to expanded European-owned missile defenses. That would create a broad system that protects every NATO country against medium-range missile attack.

GOP candidates try tough immigration policy to court voters

By Steve Peoples
& Thomas Beaumont
The Associated Press

AMHERST, N.H. — The Republican presidential contenders are tying themselves in knots over immigration.

Newt Gingrich is endorsing a South Carolina law that allows police to demand a person's immigration status — a week after taking heat for advocating a "humane" approach. Rick Perry, though defending Texas' in-state tuition for some illegal immigrants' kids, spent Tuesday campaigning with a hardline Arizona sheriff in New Hampshire. And Mitt Romney is talking tough on immigration in his second White House campaign, though he previously supported the idea of allowing some illegal immigrants to stay in the U.S.

Meanwhile, many voters say immigration won't determine which candidate they'll back for the GOP nomination. Instead, they say they're focused squarely on the economy and jobs.

The contortions by the Republican candidates illustrate the straddle they're attempting on a complex issue. In order to win the Republican nomination, they must court a GOP electorate that is largely against anything that could be called "amnesty" for illegal immigrants. But they can't come off as anti-immigrant, a stance that could alienate the independents and moderates — not to mention Hispanics — they'd need to attract in a general election should they win the party's nod to challenge President Barack Obama.

Enjoying a rise in national and state polls, Newt Gingrich called in a debate last week for an approach that would grant legal status to illegal immigrants with longstanding family and community ties. Since then, he has been defending that approach from attacks by opponents who say it would amount to amnesty for millions.

"What is it that you're going to do? Are you really going to go in and advocate ripping people out of their families?" he said.

In New Hampshire, Perry looked to regain his footing on the issue that his dogged his campaign from the outset.

With Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio at his side, the Texas governor, who opposes a border fence with Mexico, defended anew his signing of legislation to allow in-state tuition for children of illegal immigrants.

"They are working toward getting citizenship, and they pay full in-state tuition," Perry said. "As the sheriff knows, I've been fighting this illegal immigration issue for a decade. But the people of Texas made that decision."

And yet, all that shifting by all those candidates may not matter to the bulk of conservative Republican voters in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina, when the three states kick off the state-by-state march to the GOP nomination.

In interviews, several Republicans said that while the GOP nominee must be tough on sealing the border, they'll choose the Republican who can best fix the economy, create jobs and beat Obama.

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OVERVIEW

Gerrymandered confusion

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott fired another salvo on Monday in the ongoing duel between Texas legislators and federal judges over the set of newly drawn political district maps. The redistricting process, which generally occurs every 10 years to reflect population changes reported by the decennial U.S. census, is often contentious and always politically charged. The maps drawn by the Texas Legislature this spring have been under review by the U.S. Department of Justice because there is doubt that they conform to the terms of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which seeks to protect minority voters against political gerrymandering. In the meantime and suspecting that the maps will be declared illegal by the Justice Department panel, a panel of federal judges in San Antonio recently proposed a new, fairer set of maps for use in the now-underway election cycle.

Filing for candidates began Monday, and with the Legislature's maps in legal limbo, the judges provided a legal alternative to avoid delaying the election cycle while the Justice Department deliberates. But, dissatisfied with the judges' proposals, Abbott has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to halt the elections pending a legal resolution of the issue. He claims that Texas' primary elections could be postponed to as late as May 22.

This obvious political move only adds more confusion to a process which is already mind-boggling. That the legality of the maps is even in question suggests the maps' clear pro-Republican bias, and looking at the maps removes all doubt. Voter turnout in primary elections is already abysmal, and groups working to educate voters about the process, including many student groups of all political persuasions, should not have to face the additional challenge of trying to motivate people to vote on a day that is in danger of becoming a moving target.

Graduate students deserve good teaching

By Frank Male
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

At a large public university such as UT, teaching is important. We have 38,000 undergraduates enroll in classes each year to learn, and the University spends money attracting professors who do their best to make classes worth students' tuition.

When it comes to undergraduates, the Center for Teaching and Learning brings the 16th-century concept of lecture into the 21st century. David Laude, interim dean of the College of Natural Sciences, is putting a strong emphasis on the teaching requirements for professors and was a major player in the UTeach initiative to educate future high school science teachers. People care about undergraduate education, and rightly so.

But some professors seem to forget that Ph.D. students still have to take classes. There is no champion for graduate education. Every class that I've taken here is in a large lecture format where a professor talks at you for an hour or two, zooms out of the room, gives you a homework assignment every once in a while and expects you to have perfect recall when the final rolls

around.

Just because lecturing is venerable does not mean it is effective. Are you reading this in class when you should be paying attention? Maybe instead you are texting friends or checking Facebook? No matter what you are doing in class, learning is rarely the focus.

Lecturing is one of the worst methods of conveying understanding. It is a widely cited claim that students only remember 10 percent of what they hear. And professors realize that, so innovative teaching methods such as Just-in-Time Teaching, inquiry-based learning and the Moore Method have been introduced.

Professors of graduate classes realize that lecturing is not where the learning is. When asked, they'll say something like, "I expect you to read the material and learn this all on your own." While the honesty is great, why are they wasting their time and their students' time with monotone lectures?

Getting professors to even teach graduate classes is difficult. In 2012, no one in the physics department even requested to teach two of the four classes required for graduation.

Something needs to change. Professors

need to care about graduate classes and teach them as though they want students to gain expertise.

However, critics say that the real education graduate students get is through research, and I've come to realize how true this is. In research, you don't know what the answers are. You have to develop the questions, the experiments, the methods and the analysis. When you get results, you have to prove them to a skeptical professor and a skeptical public. In short, you learn a lot.

So why aren't graduate classes like that? If classes are not important enough for teachers to do more than dig up 10-year-old lecture notes or even volunteer to teach, then why have them? If classes are vital for "a formal graduate education," why are professors so reluctant to put forth effort? It cannot be that both are true.

Graduate students are in a precarious position: not quite teachers or researchers, yet still holding a bachelor's degree or two. The University does not appear to know what to do with them. They deserve to be taught — and taught properly.

Male is a physics graduate student.



THE FIRING LINE

May we meet again soon, UT

The rivalry between UT and Texas A&M has been among the most storied in all of sports. A long chapter ended on Thanksgiving night with the final scheduled rivalry game. I was touched by the Showband of the Southwest's tribute to the occasion by spelling "Thanks, aTm" on the field. I felt Texas-sized pride to be part of the last game.

My pride was turned to disgust by some Aggies seated in the senior section who hissed and chanted "SEC." Their behavior was crass and classless. I was embarrassed and outraged. I want to extend an apology and affirm that this is not how most Aggies feel about our rivalry or your university. Thanks for the generous gesture and for 118 amazing years. May cooler heads prevail so that we meet again soon. Until then, just know that I will always be cheering for you to beat OU!

*Emily Shuchart
Genetics sophomore, Texas A&M*

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Rebuilding the holidays



By Samian Quazi
Daily Texan Columnist

Nearly three months after wildfires devastated Bastrop County, more than 1,000 Bastrop children could be spending this Christmas without any new toys. The Bastrop Pink Santa Toy Drive is still in desperate need of gifts, and an acute lack of donations is quite possible. As one of the largest universities in this country, the UT student body has an opportunity to display its moral rectitude. I implore each student to purchase and donate one toy for this effort.

Since 1989, the nonprofit organization Bastrop Pink Santa has provided new Christmas gifts for needy families' children. The program served 20 families 22 years ago. The program's giving has swelled throughout the decades, as Bastrop Pink Santa helped 356 families for a total of 1,006 children last year.

As the devastating Labor Day fires destroyed more than 1,600 homes — making it the costliest wildfire in Texas history — Bastrop Pink Santa was not spared. The warehouse housing this year's toy collection burned down, obliterating the organization's entire inventory of toys collectively worth several thousand dollars. Since the fires occurred so close to the Christmas season on the calendar, the Pink Santa program has struggled to quickly collect donated toys to make up the loss.

Several Austin businesses have since mobilized to address this need by hosting drop-off boxes for brand new toys. Sullivan's Steakhouse in downtown Austin was the first to get involved by putting up a box right inside its door, and several neighboring businesses in the Warehouse District followed suit. Although most of the donation spots are along the 5th Street and Colorado Street area, businesses as far away as Loop 360 and South Lamar will accept toys.

It's not presents alone that matter to children. Since so much of the holiday season in American culture has emphasized specific traditions such as the wrapped gift and the hope for something desirable at a certain day of the year, children naturally have high hopes for the sense of belonging that comes with a present.

I ask you to commit purchasing and donating just one Christmas present for the toy drive, which ends on Dec. 10. The toy drive could easily meet its donation targets if just a fraction of UT's large student population budgeted a few dollars for a new toy. Residents in the Bastrop Independent School District with children under 18 can also fill out an application for the Pink Santa Program, which are accepted at the Bastrop Police Department.

Quazi is a nursing graduate student.



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Nearly 400 prisoners in Texas serving life without parole

HOUSTON — A review of Texas prison records shows juries around the state have sent 398 convicts to prison with no chance of parole in the six years since the life without parole law took effect.

Texas was the last state with capital punishment to adopt life without parole as a sentencing option in capital murder cases.

The Houston Chronicle reported Tuesday that 110 of the sentences of life without parole came in Harris County, more than a quarter of the state's total. Harris County also has more offenders on death row than any other Texas county.

Since the law went into effect in September 2005, 11 convicted killers have wound up on death row from cases in the state's most populous county.

"Harris County is a tough law and order county on the really bad actors," Harris County First Assistant District Attorney James Leitner told the newspaper. "That hasn't changed."

To compare, Dallas County, No. 2 in population, has 51 convicts serving life without pa-

role. Tarrant County has 26 and Bexar County 22.

About a third of all counties have at least one person serving life without parole.

Overall, the Chronicle analysis showed 66 convicts were sent to death row in the same six years.

Supporters of the life without parole option point to it being less expensive than following through a capital murder conviction with the death penalty. They also say the sentence offers the opportunity for being reversed if new evidence or other information leads to a finding of innocence for the convict.

The law was changed in 2009 to make juveniles ineligible for life without parole. In the four years ending September 2009, life without parole was given to 21 people under 18 who had been certified for trial as adults. Eight of them came from Harris County. Juveniles no longer are subject to the penalty.

The lifers also include 17 women, according to the newspaper.

— The Associated Press



A student enters the Norman Hackerman Building, a recent addition to the UT campus, Tuesday morning.

Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Texas officials defend scrapped voting maps

By Sarah White
Daily Texan Staff

Allegations that the new district maps produced in the 82nd state legislative session discriminate illegally are unfounded, said Kel Seliger, Texas Senator and chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting.

James Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project and UT Department of Government lecturer interviewed Sen. Seliger, R-Amarillo, about redistricting in Texas and other issues at the Texas Politics Speaker Series on Tuesday.

Seliger said the redistricting plans produced and passed under his leadership — in response to 2010 census data — were reviewed extensively by legal experts before they were submitted or voted upon and received bipartisan support in the Texas legislature.

"By and large, I think [the map] is a good product," Seliger said, "I think it is a legal product."

He said the attempt by a San Antonio panel of federal judges to implement a new map was an example of the judiciary overstepping its boundaries.

"In this kind of situation, there is an almost irresistible inclination to overreach one's authority and be involved in the legislative process," Seliger said. "However, separation of powers is fundamental to the operation of our government and should

be upheld."

He said there were some things that he would have done differently in the redistricting process if he was given the chance to repeat it, but it was a tremendously hectic time and legislators did the best they could.

Seliger also spoke about government budget cuts, water and transportation issues within Texas, and especially his experiences as a member of the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education Funding. He said all functions of government need to be scrutinized for effectiveness and efficiency, but higher education has some inherent inefficiencies that make it hard to quantify its true value.

"People in Texas want value for their money, and Texans object to waste in all forms," Seliger said. "The benefit of studying things like Eastern religion and philosophy is not immediately evident."

However, he said it is important for students to learn how to reason and read effectively, and these types of courses can help students develop these skills even though they may not have a direct monetary value.

"We should be exposed to all things that motivate thought, ideas and philosophy," Seliger said.

Jessica Rubio, government freshman and constituent of Seliger, said she was specifically interested in Seliger's comments

on higher education reform.

"I think that it is important to discuss whether an education makes students prepared to enter a career or makes them intellectually stimulated," Rubio said. "Because of the economic downturn, a lot of people are focusing on making sure state colleges prepare students for a job, but I think both perspectives need to be considered."

Rubio said she interned with Seliger last spring, and she was excited to have the opportunity to see him speak on campus.

"He is certainly an elected official who is concerned with making sure that his constituents are well informed," she said. "It's rare



Senator Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, speaks with James Henson on Tuesday afternoon in the Dean's Conference room of the Gebauer Building. Seliger discussed problems with redistricting, water shortages throughout Texas and higher education reform.

when you have a representative who actively reaches out to you like Sen. Seliger does."

Henson said the organizers of the Texas Politics Speaker Series have tried to bring prominent elected figures from across Texas and the United States to the UT campus. He said this creates opportunities for students like Rubio to establish and maintain connections with their representatives and government.

"One of the purposes of this event is for students to have access to the speakers and to give them the opportunity to ask questions directly of policy makers," Henson said.

UT lacks resources to curate, prioritize public information

By Sarah White
Daily Texan Staff

The city of Austin is looking for information about which type of public data residents consider most important, but UT officials said they do not have the resources to conduct similar research on prioritizing University data.

Matthew Esquibel, web supervisor for the city of Austin Communications and Technology Management Department, said a poll was taken to help the city decide how to format data on the city website, which is being redesigned. He said the poll, which was distributed online, gave residents 25 votes to indicate which sets of data they considered most important.

"We thought that just releasing data without knowing what people actually want would be a mistake," Esquibel said. "In general, the things that we get public requests for frequently — like health and city clerk documents — were very popular."

He said voters were also given the opportunity to suggest datasets that were not listed.

"Overall, there were no great surprises [in the datasets that were suggested]," Esquibel said. "A lot of the things that were mentioned we already offer, but not in the format that these people wanted."

Esquibel said the poll results did not offer a lot of new information, but it did help to reinforce what his team already knew.

"It was really just one channel of information that leads to the decision about how to format the new website," he said. "It's a way to engage the community in the

decision-making process."

Kristi Fisher, spokeswoman for the Office of Information Management and Analysis at the University said UT has not been able to conduct this type of research into the information needs of the UT community.

"We don't make a conscious effort to investigate what information the public wants," Fisher said. "Honestly, we are so bombarded by specific requests that we spend most of our time fulfilling these needs."

She said her office does its best to respond to all requests as long as they do not violate any privacy regulations, but office personnel lack the resources to conduct any type of investigation.

"The best we can do is look for common themes," Fisher said. "We receive a lot of questions about things like diversity and degree production. A lot of the requests we get every year have to do with the SAT scores and the class rankings of students in the incoming class of that year."

Annette Buckley, research assistant and co-chair of the Student Association of the School of Information, said the issue might be a lack of resources.

She said it is easy to produce data, but curating information requires a significant time investment, and UT might need to consider devoting more resources to managing and prioritizing the information it releases.

"What UT has to recognize is that as an institution with a lot of information resources, people expect to receive data in a timely manner," Buckley said.

Accusations force Cain to reassess run

By Ray Henry
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Herman Cain told aides Tuesday he is assessing whether the latest allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior against him "create too much of a cloud" for his Republican presidential candidacy to go forward.

Acknowledging the "firestorm" arising from an accusation of infidelity, Cain only committed to keeping his campaign schedule for the next several days, in a conference call with his senior staff.

"If a decision is made, different than to plow ahead, you all will be the first to know," he said, according to a transcript of the call made by the National Review, which listened to the conversation.

It was the first time doubts about Cain's continued candidacy had surfaced from the candidate himself. As recently as Tues-

day morning, a campaign spokesman had stated unequivocally that Cain would not quit.

Cain denied anew that he had an extramarital affair with a Georgia woman, Ginger White, who went public a day earlier with allegations they had been intimate for 13 years.

"It was just a friendship relationship," he said on the call, according to the transcript. He went on: "With this latest one, we have to do an assessment as to whether or not this is going to create too much of a cloud, in some people's minds, as to whether or not they would be able to support us going forth."

Saying the episode had taken an emotional toll on him and his family, Cain told the aides that people will have to decide whether they believe him or the accuser. "That's why we're going to give it time, to see what type of response we get from our supporters."

White's accusation of an affair prompted New Hampshire state

Rep. William Panek, who endorsed Cain at a news conference earlier this year, to pull his endorsement.

Panek said he rethought his position when White showed evidence that she traded 61 text messages and cell phone calls with the candidate.

"I felt like we were being lied to," Panek said. "I'm putting my name in New Hampshire as a state rep behind him and I just didn't like the way it was being played out."

In Iowa, Cain's campaign has lost some precinct-level supporters in light of the new allegations, Steve Grubbs, Cain's Iowa chairman, said during an interview with CNN.

"If people make contributions, then we'll keep the campaign doors open and be able to keep paying people," Grubbs said. "Otherwise, Herman Cain will have to make a decision whether he can afford to keep moving forward."



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NORTH TEXAS

Despite struggles from leader Longhorns prevail

By Trey Scott
Daily Texan Staff

With J'Covan Brown's continuing offensive struggles, it looks like the Longhorns will have to learn to rely on other scoring threats.

Tuesday's 73-57 win over North Texas at the Frank Erwin Center was good progress.

"We're trying to be a balanced team," said head coach Rick Barnes. "I think it's really impressive that J'Covan didn't force anything. He found a way to get his teammates involved."

Freshman point guard Myck Kabongo starred, scoring 16 points. Two other players scored in double-digits as well — Jonathan Holmes had 12, and Julien Lewis had 11.

"One of the biggest things we stress is when you're open, you have to shoot it," Kabongo said. "It's something they practice. Julien's a great shooter."

Kabongo wasn't sure if Lewis has the quickest release on the team — he said he doesn't watch film on his teammates' shooting strokes — but Lewis has proven to be a nice catch-and-shoot player.

"He can score the ball, and he wants to be a good player," Barnes said of Lewis, who reached double figures in scoring for the fourth time this season.

The 6-foot-7 Holmes has



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Texas freshman Julien Lewis goes up for a layup in a 73-57 win against North Texas on Tuesday evening. Lewis' 11-point effort was key for Texas, helping to make up for a six-point effort from leading scorer J'Covan Brown.

proven to be a versatile option as well, hitting one three-pointer — his sixth of the year — as well as a flurry of mid-

range jump shots.

"We definitely know more about the offense in terms of our spacing," Holmes said. "We

are seeing more opportunities to score than before."

That will have to continue for Texas to win games with-

out Brown dropping his usual 20 points. The junior led the

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Freshman point guard Myck Kabongo dribbles the ball up court against North Texas on Tuesday night. Kabongo lead the Longhorns from the point all evening, with 16 points and seven assists.

Kabongo's night paces Horns

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

Texas said its recipe for victory was controlling the game tempo and managing space in the half-court offense. Tuesday night, Myck Kabongo was the chef.

Kabongo served up 16 points to go along with seven assists and four rebounds in 30 minutes of play. But Texas head coach Rick Barnes said what was perhaps most impressive about his game Tuesday night wasn't reflected in his stat line.

"What I think he did that was most impressive was he guarded

their player all night. What people realize with Myck out front is that constantly getting beat up by teams setting ball screen. I thought he did a terrific job tonight. Offensively, he made good things happen, and defensively, he gets after it every night."

But make no mistake, this was a stellar offensive performance for a team whose leading scorer, J'Covan Brown, has struggled the last two games.

Kabongo came into the game with happy feet right from the get-go. He found ways to slice and dice his way to the rim and draw fouls, as well as push the full-court offense down the hard-

wood. Barnes appreciated not only his speed on foot, but mental agility as well. Barnes said he was especially pleased with Kabongo's ability to learn as the game went on.

"Where he got better tonight, was when he would realize he didn't have anything, and he would bring the ball back out and we flowed better," Barnes said. "That is his job."

Despite pushing the tempo, the Longhorns didn't score much in the way of fast-break points — they only scored six points on the run — but Kabongo was

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Texas needs more than six from Brown to win nightly



By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Columnist

Back in January, the nation's leading scorer strolled into the Frank Erwin Center from Connecticut.

He handed Texas a heart-breaking one-point overtime loss and went on to lead the Huskies to their third national title. Now, the Longhorns are hoping J'Covan Brown can provide the same spark Kemba Walker did for Uconn last season.

Brown finds himself in a similar situation as Walker did last season — at a proud basketball program starved for established scoring threats. Three of UConn's top four scorers did not return a year ago, leaving Walker to become the go-to guy on

offense, almost by default. Likewise, the Longhorns are leaning on Brown for scoring production with six of last season's top seven scorers gone.

That's why six points just won't cut it.

Going 3-for-10 from the floor when the likes of Jordan Hamilton, Tristan Thompson, Gary Johnson and Cory Joseph surround you is acceptable. But not this year. Brown entered Tuesday as the country's sixth-highest scorer at 23.2 points per game but has cooled off recently. The junior guard is shooting 28 percent from the field in his last two contests and has hit just one of his last seven tries from beyond the arc.

Brown scored a career-high 35 points in a 10-point win over

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Allen Otto | Daily Texan Staff

Connecticut's Kemba Walker (left), shown here in a game last season in Austin, put the Huskies on his back en route to a national title.

VOLEYBALL

Adams looks to bid adieu to 40 Acres with title

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

Goodbyes are never easy. But Rachael Adams' time at the University of Texas is coming to an end. Adams, along with the other seniors on the squad, has been to three final fours in a row. Starting Friday when Texas' run in the NCAA Tournament begins, each game the team plays could be her last in burnt orange.

"I definitely want to give my all to this team," Adams said. "Everything that I've learned

these past couple years, I will use it these last weeks and just give it my all."

During Texas' sweep of Baylor, Adams recorded her 1,300th career attack. This qualified her for Texas' career hitting charts. She now ranks No. 1 all-time at Texas in hitting with a .493 attack mark.

"That's crazy because there have been amazing players that have come before me like Lauren Paolini and Brandy Magee," Adams said. "It's kind of surreal to surpass their hitting percentages.

But we've got to keep going and I'm very honored."

Adams has definitely left a mark at Texas. She has been an important factor in helping the young Longhorns come together this season. Although the team started off with a bit of a shaky start, the team is now the No. 1 seed going into the national tournament. She said this year has been special because everyone has worked so hard, especially the freshmen.

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The number of games Lions defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh was suspended on Tuesday for stomping on a Green Bay Packers player on Thanksgiving day.

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Ironically, two is also the number of players ever suspended in the NFL for multiple games due to on the field instances.

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The number of games Albert Haynesworth was suspended in 2006, and going with the theme of stomping, stepping on a Dallas Cowboys' players' helmetless face.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Valentine in as new Red Sox manager replacing Francona

Bobby Valentine will be the new manager of the Boston Red Sox, said sources close to the situation late Tuesday evening.

Valentine has been a major league manager two times in the past, in high profile stints with the Texas Rangers and New York Mets.

Valentine was one of the two finalists for the job along with Detroit Tigers third base coach Gene Lamont. As of Tuesday evening Lamont said he had received no word from the Red Sox regarding a decision.

The hiring which is supposed to made official early today comes a little after two months after former manager Terry Francona was informed his contract would not be renewed for the 2012 season. Shortly after news was leaked about problems in Francona's personal life, and drinking and unrest within the clubhouse. Information from ESPN was used in compiling this report.

— Chris Hummer



Andrea Macias | Daily Texan Staff

Senior Rachael Adams has left her mark at Texas, with numerous individual achievements in her time in Austin, but she wants to finish it off with a title.

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FANTASY FOOTBALL

Brown worth a look, it might be time to bench Rivers

By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Staff

It was a long week of football, with games spanning from Turkey Day to Monday night, so let's examine who helped and who hurt your fantasy squad during the holidays.

- Hot:**
- 1. Kyle Orton, Kansas City Chiefs** — Orton may not have played this week, but he still manages to be hot, thanks to another terrible start by Tyler Palko, who struggled in second appearance replacing Matt Cassel. Palko threw for only 167 yards and, to make matters worse, tossed three interceptions. Orton — who was waived by Denver and picked up by Kansas City — should benefit from this and will most likely step into the starting role this weekend for the Chiefs to provide a steady-hand.
- 2. Donald Brown, Indianapolis Colts** — The Colts have been bad this season, no doubt about it. But Brown, once considered a first-round bust, has been one of the few bright spots for them in the last few weeks. With normal starter Joseph Addai hampered with injuries, Brown has seen an increased workload. And he has taken advantage. On Sunday, he ran for 80 yards and a touchdown. Brown might be worth a look if you're short on running backs going into the home stretch.

- Not:**
- 1. Phillip Rivers, San Diego Chargers** — So much for being an elite quarterback. Rivers has struggled all year and because of it, the Chargers are off to a terrible start at 4-7, which

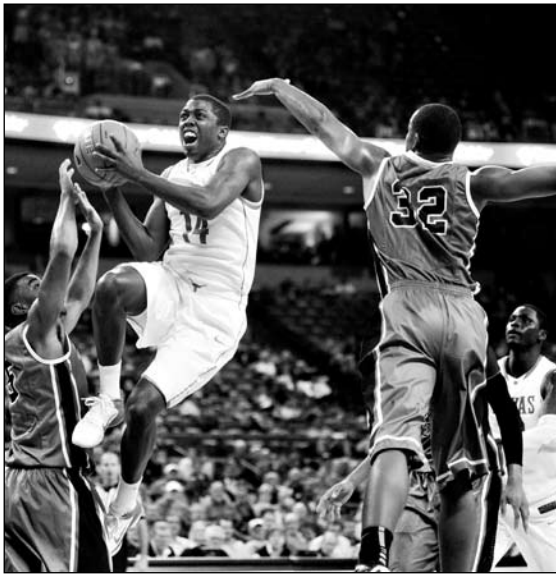


Indianapolis Colts running back Donald Brown runs through a tackle against the Panthers on Sunday. Brown has been a lone bright spot for the Colts of late, as he rushed for 80 yards and a touchdown this weekend.

only becomes worse when you consider the talent on the roster. But that talent can't overcome Rivers' poor play. He has been a pick machine this season, leading the NFL with 17. This weekend, he just couldn't manage to jump start the offense against the Broncos throwing for only 188 yards in a loss. It's to suggest this consid-

- ering his past production, but if you have a decent option behind Rivers, it might be a good idea to sit him for a while until he turns it around.
- 2. Sidney Rice, Seattle Seahawks** — Rice is one of the most talented players in football, but he has two things working against him that make him a risky play in fantasy. First, he

plays for a team with Tarvaris Jackson at quarterback. Second, he can't seem to stay on the field, as he was lost yet again to injury this week. Rice has been a rough play all season for fantasy owners and if you can package him away in a trade in your run to the playoffs, you might want to consider it.



Texas needs a Kemba Walker-type season from J'Covan Brown to make a deep run in the NCAA tournament this season.

Elisabeth Dillon
Daily Texan Staff

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Rhode Island earlier this season, the only time he's put up more than 20 shots while Walker topped 20 shots 12 times last season. Texas will need its leading scorer to be more aggressive, rather than confine himself to the corner opposite the Longhorns bench like he did for most of the second half Tuesday night.

Walker, who was a junior last season like Brown is now, practically put a patent on game-winning step-back jumpers. Brown hasn't had any last-minute outcome-altering shots to boast, but he has been clutch, scoring 12 of his 20 points in the second half of the aforementioned contest against Connecticut. He had 21 after halftime in Texas' 70-69 NCAA tournament loss to Arizona and exploded for 11 during a five-minute span in the second half

of the Longhorns' historic 74-63 victory at Kansas. But getting ejected against NC State last week, a miscue that essentially cost Texas a win as the Wolfpack ended the game on a 24-9 run following Brown's fifth foul, raises a red flag. As fiery of a competitor as Walker was, he never got thrown out of a game.

To his defense, Brown doesn't have quite the supporting cast that Walker had last season, although most of his teammates are freshmen with a lot of promise and room to improve. Rookies accounted for all three Longhorns that scored in double figures against North Texas and for 54 of their 73 points. But for Texas to have any hope of reaching the NCAA tournament, much less contending for a conference or national title, it will need Brown to step up.

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"They've had to get better even faster and the roles that they've had to fill, they've been doing great," Adams said. "I couldn't be any prouder of them."

Adams is currently second in the Big 12 in hitting percentage, only behind teammate Sha'Dare McNeal and fifth in blocks. She was named to the All Big 12 First team on Sunday. The work ethic that Adams has learned through the program will help Adams as she graduates and leaves UT. She is an advertising major, but hopes to continue with volleyball.

"I am just going to go with the flow and see what happens," Adams said.

Sophomore outside hitter Bailey Webster said Adams will be missed next year.

"She's so important," Webster

said. "She's one of the best fiddlers of the country. We're really cherishing all the time we have with her and hopefully winning each and every game so we can keep playing with her."

Adams said her time at Texas has flown by.

"I feel like just yesterday I was making a to do list for stuff that I want to bring to college," Adams said. "It's crazy how fast it goes."

Adams has been a rock for Texas as the team lost a third of its roster to injuries last season. In 2010, she ranked No. 1 in the NCAA statistics with a .443 hitting percentage. She says her experience at Texas has been amazing.

"I couldn't ask for more," Adams said. "And I have no regrets."

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instrumental in the realization of nearly all of them. He even worked both sides of the court on some of the plays. With 10:19 left in the game and a commanding 57-40 Texas lead, Kabongo refused to slow things down. He snarled an offensive rebound away from his own teammate, gunned the ball down the court and made a cross-court bounce pass to Sheldon McClellan for the easy layup.

North Texas head coach Johnny Jones entered the contest with a plan to handle Kabongo's speed, but he didn't plan on the point guard hitting a pair of three-pointers — he's only made one all season. Jones' plan was to defend Kabongo from penetrating the paint, not seeing him as a player who could step out and stroke the trey. It backfired.

"[Defending Kabongo's speed]

was a concern for us, because he is fast. We wanted to get under screen and make sure he couldn't get to the paint area," Jones said. "But when we did try that he was able to stretch the defense and knock down a couple of three. That's six points we thought we could get going the other way."

Kabongo's performance was part of a fuller effort from the entire freshmen corps, but Kabongo was the undoubted field general in this game, as he commanded the court like a player who has stepped on the collegiate hardwood more than six times.

And he can't wait to get things really cooking.

"I have to continue to execute, make my teammates better and put them in easier positions to score," he said. "We'll have to prepare that for UCLA."

BROWN

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Longhorns in scoring the first four games of the year but has since then put up totals of 11 and six points in the last two games. To Brown's credit, he played smart basketball upon realizing his shot wasn't falling, finding ways to keep the offense flowing.

"He's picking his shots," Holmes said. "I don't really think it's that he's not shooting as well. It's a long season, and he's being smart."

Brown was harassed all night by North Texas defensive specialist Alzee Williams, who says Brown "stayed calm" despite shooting just 3-of-10 from the field.

"I did the best I could," Wil-

liams said. "We knew he was a big-time player, so I followed him everywhere he went. My teammates were hyping me up before the game, trying to get me to lock [Brown] up."

The Longhorns will have to get used to special attention being paid to Brown. After the departures of Jordan Hamilton and Tristan Thompson — who led the team in scoring last season — Brown stands as the team's best scorer, by far.

"When J'Covan is scoring a lot, they're tough to beat," said North Texas head coach Johnny Jones. "We tried to make sure other guys made shots for Texas. And they played well."

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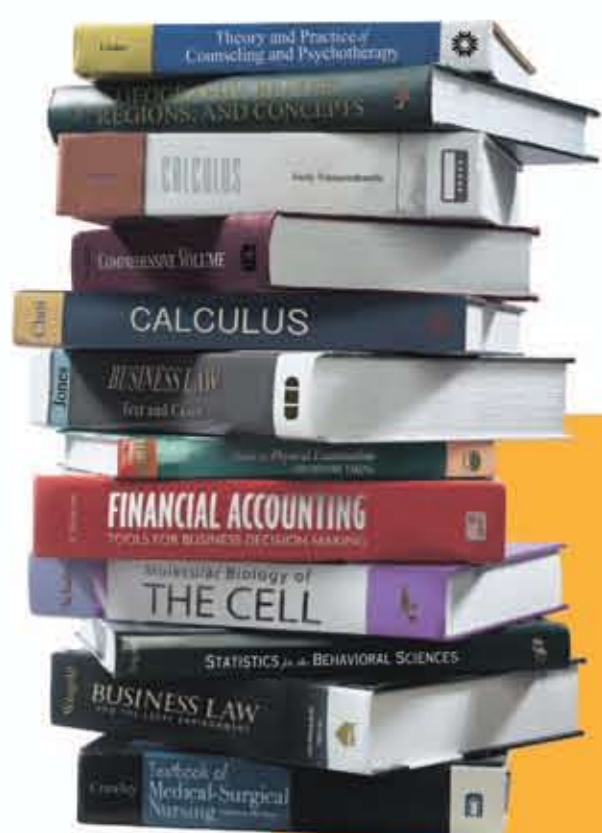
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by claudine lucena

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meow!

meow

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Wait! I have a better idea!

And what be that?

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THE ROGUES

RARGH!

Back off!

NYAARGH!

Ah, shi-gl!k!

Emery F.

SPACE TIME

marsha... I think I love you

TOOOOT

oh NO!

er... false alarm babe

...guess it was just hot gas

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1026

Across

1 Hanging open

6 Cousin of an ax

10 Near Eastern V.I.P.'s

14 Doesn't have a second to lose?

15 Boutique fixture

17 Exhibited perfect braking

19 Native Nebraskan

20 Followers of nus

21 "For me? You shouldn't have ..."

22 Nicest room on a ship, probably

27 Toward the back

28 E.T.A.'s for red-eyes

29 Here, to Henri

32 Footfaraw

35 Aloe additive?

37 "Heavens to Betsy!"

38 Cashier's error, as suggested by 17-, 22-, 47- and 58-Across?

41 Henry who made a Fortune?

42 Baby taking a bow?

43 Befuddled

44 Baton Rouge sch.

45 Peace grp. since 1948

46 "___ loves me ..."

47 Certain loaf

54 Frigidaire competitor

56 Bumbler

57 Reunion, e.g.

58 Being frugal

63 Strongly praised

64 Goose bumps-producing, maybe

65 Funnywoman Martha

66 Actress Naldi of the silents

67 Kickoff

Down

1 N.A.A.C.P. part: Abbr.

2 Must, slangily

3 Something to be thrown for

4 Top 40 fare

5 Medium capacity?

6 Contribute to the mix

7 Impurity

8 Eastern state?

9 That, in Tijuana

10 "___ there yet?"

11 Handy IDs in the hood?

12 Unwanted spots

13 Kind of terrier

16 Slows down traffic, say?

18 Sign by stairs, often

23 1,000-foot-deep lake that straddles a state line

24 Many miles away

25 Game with a maximum score of 180

26 Apple offering

30 Zoo keeper?

31 Noodle product?

32 Over the ___

33 Burden

34 Number of people in a room

35 Numbered thing in the Bible

36 Friendly introduction?

37 Faster's opposite

39 Bring in

40 "Yeah, right"

45 Gerald Ford's birthplace

46 Muslim mystic

48 Theodore Roosevelt, to Eleanor

49 Man of many words?

50 Press conference component, briefly

51 Arena sections

52 Carl's wife in "Up"

53 Bowling alley button

54 On ___ with (equal to)

55 Sheet mineral

59 "There is no ___ team"

60 Name placeholder in govt. records

61 Many a Fortune profilee, for short

62 "Jeopardy!" whiz Jennings

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Journalism and Spanish senior Natalie Garza also runs a fashion blog Closet de Natalie, based on the concept of thrift. She usually gathers pounds of donated clothes from Goodwill and other second-hand stores to turn into interesting and fashionable attire.

Fashion blogger gives thrifting advice

By Jessica Lee
Daily Texan Staff

The Goodwill outlet store on Burleson Road is a madhouse on Saturday morning. Thrifters frantically pick through unsorted bins scattered throughout the giant warehouse looking for fashionable treasures. Many wear gloves to avoid touching undergarments that might not have been washed before donated. The “ick” factor is high, but the pleasure in finding a great piece makes it all worthwhile.

Journalism and Spanish senior Natalie Garza certainly knows her way around the chaos. She holds up a Bill Cosby-esque sweater, inspects it for any possible mysterious stains, remarks that she thinks she can make something of it, and tosses it into her shopping cart.

The thrifting aficionado started her style blog, Closet de Natalie, a year ago with the hope of providing fashion inspiration to her readers in the same manner that the blogs she reads inspire her. She had no idea that the blog would bring out

her inner bargain hunter.

“After a couple months, I realized that I wasn’t going to be able to keep paying for new clothing,” Garza said. “I needed a cheap way to wear new clothes on the blog, and thrifting ended up being the best way to have a lot of clothing options.”

The blog that Garza thought was going to be just a fun hobby has since turned into a major part of her life. Garza regularly finds herself staying up late editing photos and coming up with witty titles for her blog posts rather than working on important school assignments.

And her dedication shines through the blog. Garza’s ability to take something as absurd as that Bill Cosby sweater and morph it into something that looks like it could have been retailed at Urban Outfitters is pure talent.

“I’m never going to be able to go back to buying everything retail,” Garza said. “It’s just not going to happen.”

For the thrifting novice, Garza suggests starting with Savers. The

store, though similar to Goodwill, has a more upscale vibe. The clothes are all nicely arranged on racks, and overall, the store just seems cleaner, Garza said.

But do not expect to simply walk into a thrift store and find exactly what you are looking for. Garza explains that thrifting involves going into a store with the mindset that you could walk out with anything.

“You have to go through a lot of crap to find what you want,” Garza said. “Give yourself a couple hours. With lots of dedication, you will leave with something you never expected.”

Garza said the best part of blogging is the positive feedback she receives from readers. Fashion blogger Jessica Quirk, the face behind style blog What I Wore, complimented Garza on one of her first outfit posts. Garza was ecstatic. Quirk is one of Garza’s biggest style icons, and the comment was a huge ego boost for the fashionista.

But blogging isn’t without its downsides. Garza has received

negative comments for her adventurous style, but don’t expect her to change what she wears to fit in anytime soon. When it comes to fashion pet peeves, Garza has one, and it is prominent around the UT campus.

“I hate leggings as pants,” Garza said. “It’s so unflattering, and it’s sheer!”

Fellow blogger Tolly Moseley, the voice of Austin Eavesdropper, praises Garza’s fashion sense. “She can make elastic-band waists look hot,” Moseley said. “And Lord knows that is hard to do.”

At Goodwill, Garza picks up one of those skirts with an elastic waist. She begins to sift through the items she has placed in her shopping cart, deciding what she would actually wear. The five-pound wedding dress gets discarded. Findings in hand, Garza heads to the checkout where the salesperson weighs the load, and charges her a mere \$1.39 a pound.

And with that, she heads home to style the items for the blogosphere to enjoy.

TV REVIEW NEW GIRL

Zooey Deschanel plays spacey ‘New Girl’ on Fox



Greg Gayne | Associated Press

Zooey Deschanel and Jake Johnson play roommates in the Fox comedy “New Girl,” in which she plays a dorky and awkward girl surrounded by three bros.

By Aleksander Chan
Daily Texan Staff

Fox’s new hit comedy “New Girl” is weird. The show, centered on a woman (Zooey Deschanel) who moves in with a trio of single guys she found on Craigslist and created by Liz Meriwether (“No Strings Attached”), has a shaggy comedy sensibility to it. It’s quirky and offbeat and loves itself wholeheartedly for it. It’s like an indie film, but one that’s muddling and difficult to like.

The new girl in question is Jess (Deschanel), who comes home early one day to find her boyfriend with another woman. Hurt, she leaves him and takes up with a group of guys who have the camaraderie of a buddy comedy: the sensi-

impossibly hip little sister of a Disney princess. Whether you find her ratcheted sense of twee endearing or insufferable, it does not make up for Jess’ inhuman, cartoonish characterization. Jess behaves so bizarrely sometimes, she seems unreal.

Deschanel herself is a puzzle here, because it’s difficult to parse just what she’s aiming for with her performance: Is she cleverly playing up a fictionalized, audience-projection version of herself, or is she just using her spacey demeanor and bright, expressive eyes to phone it in? You could just as easily argue that it’s this inexactness in her performance that makes it a failure.

At the same time, “New Girl” flirts with the edges of

Jess is like the dorky, yet impossibly hip little sister of a Disney princess. Whether you find her ratcheted sense of twee endearing or insufferable, it does not make up for Jess’ inhuman, cartoonish characterization.

some fascinating pop psychology. The joke would normally be that Jess’ moving in with total strangers is risky because they might turn out to be crazy; here, it’s the opposite, and she’s made to be the loony one. It would be something clever of “New Girl” to

feels genuine.

Together they make a three-person straight man for the oddball Jess, who sings-narrates through scenes, breaks into uncoordinated dances and speaks in stilted, infantilized speech. Their interactions are growing more winsome with each episode, even if Jess’ antics are becoming more intolerable; one episode was about her overcoming her inability to say “penis.”

It all comes down to its divisive star, Zooey Deschanel, whose image as a manic, pixie-dream girl is taken for full force: Jess is like the dorky, yet

sketch a comedy about how women entering male-dominated spaces are conveyed as unknowable freaks, but the show lacks any sort of strong focus that those insights seem more like coincidence. It also makes Jess’ strangeness all the more alienating.

“New Girl” may not be a creative success, but its ratings upswing could ironically pave the way for future shows with its indie auteur styling and a better grip on themselves to see the light of day. The show is early into its run and could find its way. Right now, it’s too “adorkable” for its own good.

Art exhibit offers look at professors’ work

By Sarah-Grace Sweeney
Daily Texan Staff

When college art students see the work of a professor on display, the effect can be similar to seeing a high school teacher outside their classroom. It’s a little strange. But for the art students, their professors’ work becomes a real life example of the processes and techniques they are taught in the classroom.

On Dec. 1, the Visual Arts Center will host an Artist Talk to learn a little more about the motivation and ideas behind the work of six of the ten faculty members whose art is currently on display in the Mezzanine Gallery. The talk is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and is free to all.

“It’s kind of weird to see your professors’ work because in class you view them as your superior,” studio art sophomore Abby Clinton said. “It’s strange to see them in a vulnerable position and to look at their work [and see them] as an artist rather than as a professor.”

Clinton, who attended the grand opening of the faculty exhibit, has only taken a course from one of the professors whose work is on display, but said seeing all the faculty art made her excited for some classes and scared for others.

“I would really like to hear from professors I haven’t had yet have to say about their work,” Clinton said. “I think it would be a great opportunity to get an idea of what their classes are like and what they value in art.”

The event will be moderated



Lawrence McFarland, photography professor in the College of Fine Arts stands in front of his work. The gallery, which is being featured in the Department of Art and Art History Faculty Exhibition, includes his images from the American West and parts of Italy.

Kiersten Holms
Daily Texan Staff

by interim department chair Lee Chesney, who has some of his own printmaking on exhibit. He noted it would be a good opportunity for those skeptical of the value of the arts to hear faculty perspective and see what they are creating.

“They will be talking about ideas behind their work. That’s mostly what the faculty like to talk about,” Chesney said. “What it is you’re trying to say, how can you make it more meaningful and articulate it better visually — those are the issues that drive the faculty in their own work and what they will talk about.”

There are ten faculty members with work on display, and six have volunteered to discuss their work. There is no overarching

theme to the exhibit, but there are themes to some of the individual artists’ collections.

Photography professor Lawrence McFarland has photographs of the American West on exhibit from sites of historical value between the period of 1804-1890. He said he is looking forward to taking questions and talking about the motivations behind his work.

“I’ve been going to historic sights where important events happened to see how that affects culture today,” McFarland said. “Sometimes it really affects people. Sometimes there’s nothing there.”

While the talk will be specifically valuable to art students, anyone inclined to learn more about

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WHERE: VAC Mezzanine Gallery

WHEN: Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

WEB: utvac.org

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the art school faculty and their work can attend.

“You can get an understanding of what the commitment is to be a professional artist,” McFarland said. “The opportunity to meet, see and listen firsthand is a rare opportunity.”



New Girl

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